



# *THE HAAS REPORT*

*THE 14<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT E-NEWSLETTER  
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**Dear neighbor,**

Hello, my name is Jason Haas, and I am proud to serve as your representative on the Milwaukee County Board. When I ran for office this past winter, a lot of people asked, "So what does the County do?" The answer is everything from A to Z—from the Airport to the Zoo, and many things in between.

County government was set up to provide a high quality of life for its residents. We the people own the airport, and every one of the 140+ parks in our award-winning Milwaukee County Parks system. The County also provides a number of social services for its residents, including the Department on Aging. These and numerous other services, including the courts and Sheriff's department, provide the basis for a high quality of life here in Milwaukee County.

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## Introducing Jason Haas

[Listen to the full interview here](#)

Inside the County Board airs the first Sunday of each month at 9:00 p.m. straight from the studios of News/Talk 1130 WISN radio. Supervisor Haas was guest on the May 1, 2011 edition.

The first and only program of its kind in the Milwaukee area, Inside the County Board gives listeners a more in-depth analysis of action taken by County Supervisors.

Inside the County Board aims to communicate the actions of the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors, explain critical issues facing Milwaukee County, enhance public understanding of the County's legislative and budget process, and promote community events sponsored by Milwaukee County.



## Ice Skating at Wilson Park

The Wilson Park Recreation Center building houses the indoor Ice Arena, where you can skate year-round. The 17,000 square-foot sheet of groomed ice is a standard NHL-sized rink, 200 by 85 feet. The Arena has seating for 2,000, team locker rooms with showers, a concession area, and rental figure skates in a full range of sizes.

The ice arena is available for rent for tournaments, competitions, and social or business outings. The adjacent lobby is well suited for catered events. For more information call (414) 281-6289.

### Hours:

- Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 1-5pm,
- Friday morning "Senior Skate" 8 -10am
- Saturday 2:30-4:30pm

\*Children 10 & under must be accompanied by an adult

Lessons are offered in conjunction with the Greater Milwaukee Figure Skating Club. Call Dawn Dahlman-Schwab at (414) 235-3153 for more information.

## The 2011 Milwaukee County Parks Summer Concert

Each year our Milwaukee County Parks host a series of various FREE concerts. All Milwaukee County residents are encouraged to come on by for some cool tunes and great times! You can check out a list of the concerts by clicking [HERE](#)



## Did you know...

Wisconsin is one of the few states in America where counties provide social services. Those social services improve our lives, and are part of the reason many of us choose to live in Milwaukee County.

## Working with Neighborhoods

Since winning election in April, I have been working very closely with many of our South Side neighborhoods on their issues and concerns. It has been a pleasure to work with each neighborhood. I helped the Holler Park Neighborhood Association work out their issues with the Parks Department and the county Office for Persons with Disabilities over the restoration and revitalization of the beautiful Holler Park Lodge. That neighborhood deserves a lot of praise for their work on the Lodge.

I have also begun work with the Copernicus Park Neighborhood Association, and have begun exploring options for improvement at Wilson Park. Where might a prairie planting or a community garden work there? How could they save us money while also improving the park? I'd like to hear from you on this.

I also look forward to working with Humboldt Park Watch and the Bay View Neighborhood Association to make sure Humboldt Park is a

## Get in Touch with Me

I want to hear what you think about the issues that are before us. Please call me at (414) 278-4252, or email me at [jason.haas@milwcnty.com](mailto:jason.haas@milwcnty.com).

Calls from the County Courthouse come up as "BLOCKED" on caller ID, so if you are expecting to hear from me, I might be that blocked call.

I look forward to working with you as I represent you on the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors. Stay in touch, and I'll see you soon.

## Did you know...

The Holler Park pool is one of two heated, handicapped-accessible public pools in Milwaukee County.

## Board Business

Two of the first items that I voted on (within hours of being sworn in) were redistricting, and the O'Donnell Park façade. The redistricting plan that we approved will go into effect for the 2012 election. While the plan shrinks the Board to just 18 supervisors (the Brown County Board just voted to increase their number from 26 to 29 supervisors), it will have a minimal effect on us in the 14th District. Just one block in the far northwest corner of the district at 35th Street and Euclid Avenue will go to a different district. Population shifts in the city and the county have seen growth in the South Side and the greater southern portion of the county. Both people and businesses are choosing to locate here. People recognize that it's a great place to live and work, and I am proud to help continue our improvement.

I voted for the fiberglass façade at O'Donnell, as it had been designed prior to my election. I feel that although this would have been slightly more expensive to install than the stucco alternative, I think the stucco façade will carry higher costs in the long run, and will not improve the aesthetics of the lakefront buildings. However, I later voted to uphold County Executive Abele's veto of the bill after I heard from residents of my district who expressed their wish that I do so.

This month, we have been working very hard to authorize the county's labor negotiator to do his job and negotiate with the unions. (Surprisingly, we have to do this!) Passing a new contract with our largest union would save the county upwards of \$10,000 a day. Everything is in place to do this. On Thursday afternoon, we will have our second special Board meeting in a week's time to make this happen. The bill was stalled at our last meeting by a tiny minority that apparently believes we don't need that \$10K each day!



## Milwaukee County Fraud Hotline

As your Milwaukee County Supervisor, I am humbled by the support and trust that you have shown me and I am motivated to do my best to serve the interests of District 14 and Milwaukee County at large.

Of course, doing the best job I can possibly do includes working with you, my constituents. Your feedback and involvement in community affairs is vital to the success of the 14<sup>th</sup> District and, in that vein, I hope that you will be vigilant in participating in fraud prevention by reporting any fraud cases that you witness or are aware of.

*You do not need to provide your name to submit your concerns. However, be advised that your Internet address will be submitted to us if you use e-mail.*

If you have an issue you wish to bring to our attention, you can contact the Department of Audit Hotline in four ways:

1. **Call 93-FRAUD(933-7283)**
2. **Write to Milwaukee County Department of Audit Hotline (see address below)**
3. **Send a fax to 223-1895**
4. **Click [here](#) to send us an e-mail**



*Other agencies you can contact:*

- Aging - Elder Abuse Helpline, call 414-289-6874
- Child Support - TIPS Hotline (Turn in Parents for Support), call 414-278-5222

- Consumer Fraud Unit, call District Attorney 414-278-4585
- Public Integrity, call District Attorney 414-278-4645
- Mental Health Crisis Hotline, call 414-257-7222 (TTY/TDD) 414-257-6300
- Anonymous Drug Reporting, call Sheriff 414-273-2020
- Guns Hotline, call Sheriff 414-278-4867
- Foodstamp, Medical, Child Care Fraud, call 414-289-5799
- Child Abuse or Neglect Referrals, call State of Wisconsin 414-220-7233
- City of Milwaukee Fraud Hotline, call 414-286-3440
- Medicare Fraud, call 1-800-447-8477
- Wisconsin Shares Fraud Hotline, call 877-302-3728

## CLIC Into the 21<sup>st</sup>

Milwaukee County Supervisor Marina Dimitrijevic, along with the rest of the Milwaukee County Board, officially launched the County Legislative Information Center (CLIC), a new service that provides online access to all legislation within Milwaukee County.

CLIC allows visitors to track the progress of legislative items from their introduction through adoption or rejection. County Board and Committee meetings are all now CLIC-able. At the news conference, reporters received a demonstration showing how to access agendas and minutes, and how to play audio clips from items considered at Committee meetings.

If you're interested in checking out CLIC for yourself go to:

<http://milwaukeecounty.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx>.

## Garden District Days Festival

Come on down and celebrate the Garden District Neighborhood Association's "Garden District Days Festival". Supervisor will make a special appearance...on the dunk tank! Come on by for a good old

fashioned game of "**Dunk the Supervisor**". For more information on what's going on with the GDNA, check out: <http://www.thegdna.com/>.

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# Garden District Days Festival

Sponsored by The Garden District Neighborhood Association

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July 29 (4:00 pm - 9:00 pm)

North side

July 30 (10:00 am - 9:00 pm)

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July 31 (12:00 pm - 5:00 pm)

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Rides

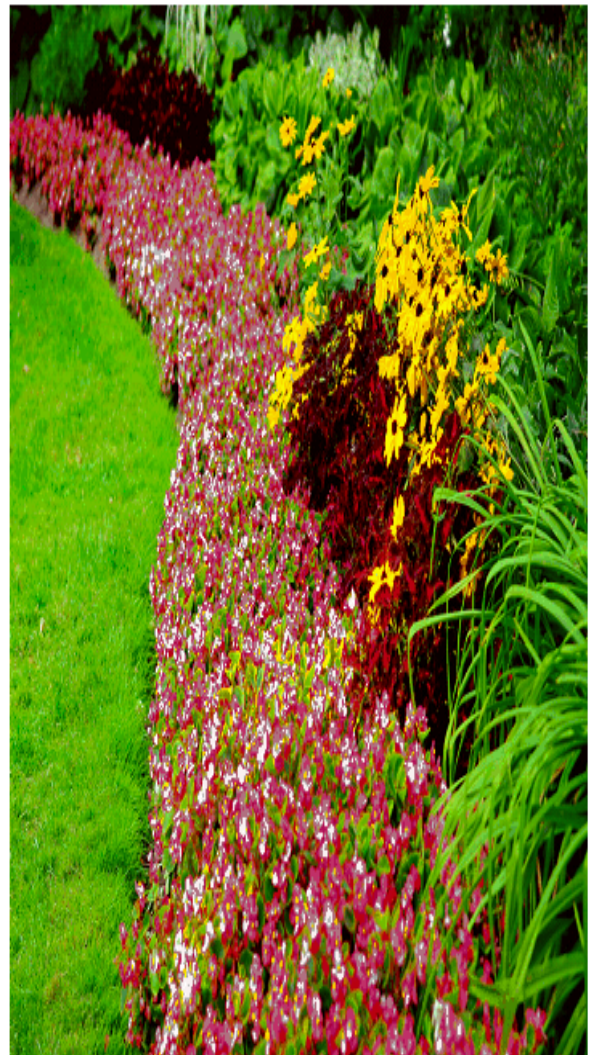
Food

Arts and Crafts Projects

Dunk Tank

Vendors

Car/Motorcycle Display



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## Committee Assignments

Milwaukee County Supervisor Jason Haas, elected to the 14th Supervisory District on April 5, has been appointed to three County Board Committees:

- Parks, Energy and Environment Committee, Vice-Chair
- Transportation, Public Works and Transit Committee
- Personnel Committee

"I look forward to serving 14th District residents on all three of these Committees," Supervisor Haas said. "Protecting Milwaukee County's parks and preserving transportation options are two of my top priorities, so I'm particularly pleased to serve on these Committees."

"I ran—and won—on clean parks, better transit, and safer communities. All three of these issues tie together. If we let either the parks or the transit system slip, our communities suffer and safety declines. I am committed to focusing on all of these areas," Supervisor Haas said.

The appointments were made by County Board Chairman Lee Holloway. Supervisor Haas officially took office on April 21.



*Supervisor Haas helping build raised beds for the Victory Garden Initiative.*

## Planting Roots in the County



On Saturday, May 28, I had the honor of presenting Gretchen Mead, the director Victory Garden Initiative (VGI), with an award of citation for VGI's work to help people gain access to freshly grown food in their own backyards and communities. In the past three years, VGI and its volunteers have installed several hundred "raised bed" gardens around Milwaukee County, helping bring quality food closer to home than ever before. For more information, please visit:

<http://www.victorygardeninitiative.org>



*Supervisor Haas at the "Save Our Ride" rally, before testifying in front of the Joint Finance Committee.*